



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 648**

*January Session, 2003*

Substitute House Bill No. 6447

*House of Representatives, May 6, 2003*

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. STILLMAN of the 38th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING ASBESTOS ABATEMENT WORKERS, SITE SUPERVISORS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-437 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 On and after one year following the effective date of regulations  
4 adopted pursuant to section 20-440, no person shall be employed as an  
5 asbestos abatement worker unless [he] such worker has completed a  
6 training program on asbestos hazards and abatement procedures  
7 approved by the department and has been issued a certificate by the  
8 department. Applications for such certificate shall be made to the  
9 department on forms provided by the department and shall contain  
10 such information regarding the applicant's qualifications as may be  
11 required in regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-440, and shall  
12 be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five dollars. The department may

13 issue a certificate under this section to any person who is licensed or  
14 certified in another state under a law which provides standards which  
15 are equal to or higher than those of this state, provided such person is  
16 not subject to any unresolved complaints or pending disciplinary  
17 actions. Certificates issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed  
18 annually in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88 upon  
19 payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars.

20 Sec. 2. Section 20-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

22 On and after one year following the effective date of regulations  
23 adopted pursuant to section 20-440, no person shall be employed as an  
24 asbestos abatement site supervisor unless [he] such worker has  
25 completed a training program on the supervision of asbestos  
26 abatement approved by the department and has been issued a  
27 certificate by the department. Applications for such certificate shall be  
28 made to the department on forms provided by the department and  
29 shall contain such information regarding the applicant's qualifications  
30 as may be required in regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-440,  
31 and shall be accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars. The department may  
32 issue a certificate under this section to any person who is licensed or  
33 certified in another state under a law which provides standards which  
34 are equal to or higher than those of the state of Connecticut, provided  
35 such person is not subject to any unresolved complaints or pending  
36 disciplinary actions. Certificates issued pursuant to this section shall be  
37 renewed annually in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88  
38 upon payment of a fee of fifty dollars.

39 Sec. 3. Section 20-439 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

41 On and after the effective date of regulations adopted pursuant to  
42 section 20-440, asbestos abatement or asbestos consultation training  
43 programs serving to qualify asbestos abatement workers and asbestos  
44 abatement site supervisors for certification and asbestos consultants  
45 for certification shall be approved by the department. The department

46 shall approve a training program upon determination that such  
47 program complies with such requirements as may be established in  
48 regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-440. Each application or  
49 reapplication for approval of a training program shall be accompanied  
50 by a fee of five hundred dollars. Each application for approval or  
51 reapproval of a refresher training program as required by section 20-  
52 441 shall be accompanied by a fee of two hundred fifty dollars. Each  
53 person offering an asbestos abatement or asbestos consultation  
54 training program shall furnish the department with a list of the  
55 persons who have successfully completed the course within thirty  
56 days of such completion. The department shall conduct periodic  
57 reviews of approved training courses and may revoke approval at any  
58 time it determines that the course fails to meet the requirements  
59 established in such regulations.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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**FIN**            *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	\$145,125	\$193,500

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

An estimated annual revenue gain of \$193,500 will result from passage of this bill. It establishes fees for annual certification of asbestos abatement workers and site supervisors, as well as for approval of asbestos training courses. No cost will result. The Department of Public Health currently certifies asbestos abatement workers/supervisors and approves initial and refresher training courses.

Approximately 3,300 workers and 1,300 site supervisors will pay an annual fee of \$25 and \$50, respectively. Additionally, an estimated 60 initial training courses and 64 refresher training courses will pay an annual fee of \$500 and \$250, respectively. Since the bill is effective October 1, 2003, total revenues in FY 04 are estimated to be \$145,125.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ASBESTOS ABATEMENT WORKERS,  
SITE SUPERVISORS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes fees for the certification of asbestos abatement workers and site supervisors, as well as for the approval of asbestos-related training and refresher training programs. It also allows for Connecticut certification by endorsement for certain out-of-state workers and supervisors.

By law, asbestos abatement workers and asbestos abatement site supervisors must complete a Department of Public Health (DPH)-approved training program and be certified by DPH. The bill establishes initial and annual renewal license fees of \$25 for an asbestos worker certificate and \$50 for a site supervisor certificate. It allows DPH to certify a person licensed or certified in another state with standards substantially similar to Connecticut's and who is not facing any unresolved complaints or pending disciplinary actions.

The bill also establishes a \$500 fee for each application or reapplication to DPH for approval of training programs for asbestos abatement workers, asbestos abatement site supervisors, and asbestos consultants. It also establishes a \$250 application fee for DPH's approval or reapproval of refresher training programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 21      Nay 0

Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report  
Yea 42      Nay 1